

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification on page 9, lines 26 – 32 as follows:

The fibers of the lobes 38 and outer layer 40 create a damage tolerant shaft 30 with considerable strength in the direction that the fibers 38, 40 are wound. To provide additional strength to the damage tolerant shaft 30, additional reinforcing fibers 35 oriented in a direction that is perpendicular to the axis about which the annular body is symmetrical may extend through the rib portion of the lobes ~~[[38]]~~ 32. Since the composite material is typically a preform, all of the fibers of the lobes 32 are preferably impregnated and cured simultaneously.